In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/142,181 filed July 1, 1999, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. The present application also relates to commonly assigned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/603,467————, filed concurrently herewith, for AN EXTENSIBLE DATA MODEL FOR USE IN AN INTEGRATED PLATFORM FOR CREATING A DISTRIBUTED MULTIAPPLICATION ONLINE PRESENCE (Attorney docket no. BIGP002), the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.